

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 21-25, as follows:

Turning to figure 9, the support member 144 is shown extending longitudinally along the length of the overlapping tiles 104. The support member may be attached to the ~~faesia~~-fascia 106 by any convenient means such as gluing or nailing. The support member itself has an outer face 148 into which a pair of recesses 150 and 151 are provided.

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 6-19, as follows:

Turning to Figure 10 the cladding system 152 of the present invention is illustrated. The cladding system may be used to clad any convenient cladding surface 156. The cladding surface 156 illustrated in figure 10 is a ceiling, however it will be apparent that the cladding system 152 of the present invention may be utilised on other cladding surfaces for example walls be internal or external walls or floors. The cladding apparatus illustrated in figure 10 shows a single row of cladding members 157, 159. In practice a plurality of rows of cladding members would be provided adjacent to each other to fully cover the cladding surface. The cladding system of the present invention includes a longitudinal commencing ~~batten~~-batten member 154 (see Fig. 11) which is attached to the cladding surface by any convenient means such as nailing or gluing. The commencing ~~batten~~-batten member 154 has a recess 158 which lies in a first plane 160 of the batten member 154. The commencing batten member 154 is also provided with a groove 153.